

Listing of the Claims:

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

Please cancel claim 5.

1 (Canceled).

2 (Canceled).

3 (Canceled).

4 (Canceled).

5 (Canceled).

1 6 (Currently Amended). The voice transceiver according to claim 5 7,
2 wherein when said dummy code is input to said input means, said voice
3 decoder means outputs digitalized digital voice data in which the strength
4 of said compressed voice code inputted immediately prior to said dummy
5 signal is reduced.

1 7 (Currently Amended). ~~The A~~ voice transceiver according to claim 5
2 further comprising:
3 input means for receiving and temporarily storing compressed
4 voice codes;
5 voice decoder means connected to and triggered by said input
6 means for expanding the compressed voice codes and generating
7 digitalized digital voice data;
8 selective disposal means receiving the generated digitalized digital

9 voice data from the voice decoder means and responsive to a discard
10 request for discarding the generated digitalized digital voice data when the
11 discard request is present;
12 speaker output buffer means for receiving and temporarily storing
13 digitalized digital voice data passed by said selective disposal means;
14 insertion/disposal control means connected to monitor data
15 temporarily stored in said speaker output buffer means and, if an amount
16 of data temporarily stored in said speaker output buffer means falls below
17 a first threshold, outputting a dummy voice code to said input means, but if
18 an amount of data temporarily stored in said speaker output buffer means
19 risers above a second threshold, generating said discard request to said
20 selective disposal means;
21 digital-to-analog converter means for converting the generated
22 digitalized digital voice data temporarily stored in said speaker output
23 buffer means to an analog voice signal;
24 a speaker connected to receive said analog voice signal and
25 generating an acoustical output;
26 microphone means for inputting an acoustical voice input;
27 analog-to-digital conversion means for converting said voice input
28 into converted digital voice data;
29 microphone buffer means for receiving and temporarily storing said
30 converted digital voice data;
31 reference input signal buffer means for receiving and temporarily
32 storing generated digitalized digital voice data passed by said selective
33 disposal unit, said insertion/disposal control means being connected to said
34 reference signal buffer means to thereby monitor data temporarily stored in
35 said speaker output buffer means;
36 echo component removal means responsive to said reference input
37 buffer means for suppressing an echo component contained in said
38 converted digital voice data; and

39 voice encoder means connected to receive converted digital voice
40 data from which an echo component has been suppressed from said echo
41 component removal means for encoding and compressing an output voice
42 code.

Please add new claim 8 as follows:

1 8 (New). A voice transceiver comprising:
2 input means for receiving and temporarily storing compressed
3 voice codes;
4 voice decoder means connected to and triggered by said input
5 means for expanding the compressed voice codes and generating
6 digitalized digital voice data;
7 selective disposal means receiving the generated digitalized digital
8 voice data from the voice decoder means and responsive to a discard
9 request for discarding the generated digitalized digital voice data when the
10 discard request is present;
11 output buffer means for receiving and temporarily storing
12 digitalized digital voice data passed by said selective disposal means;
13 insertion/disposal control means connected to monitor data
14 temporarily stored in said output buffer means and, if an amount of data
15 temporarily stored in said output buffer means falls below a first threshold,
16 outputting a dummy voice code to said input means, but if an amount of
17 data temporarily stored in said output buffer means rises above a second
18 threshold, generating said discard request to said selective disposal means;
19 digital-to-analog converter means for converting the generated
20 digitalized digital voice data temporarily stored in said output buffer means
21 to an analog voice signal;
22 means for inputting an acoustical voice input;
23 analog-to-digital conversion means for converting said voice input

24 into converted digital voice data;
25 buffer means for receiving and temporarily storing said converted
26 digital voice data;
27 reference input signal buffer means for receiving and temporarily
28 storing generated digitalized digital voice data passed by said selective
29 disposal unit, said insertion/disposal control means being connected to said
30 reference signal buffer means to thereby monitor data temporarily stored in
31 said output buffer means;
32 echo component removal means responsive to said reference input
33 buffer means for suppressing an echo component contained in said
34 converted digital voice data; and
35 voice encoder means connected to receive converted digital voice
36 data from which an echo component has been suppressed from said echo
37 component removal means for encoding and compressing an output voice
38 code.